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SUBJECT: SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES ACQUISITION DIVISION

RER: STATE 150486

1. FULLY APPRECIATE REASONS FOR DEPARTMENT'S RELUCTANCE TO ENGAGE SECRETARY IN CURRENT MACHINATIONS CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT BY THE SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES. I WILL CONTINUE HOWEVER TO FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY AND DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP LOCKHEED AND MCDONNELL DOUGLAS

2. IN THIS CONNECTION BRITISH AMBASSADOR DAVID ROBERTS INFORMED ME TODAY JULY 12 THAT MAHDI TAJER FINANCIAL ADVISER TO THE RULER OF ABU DHABI WILL BE IN DAMASCUS ON MONDAY JULY 15, TAJER IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF AMBASSADOR ROBERTS AND PRESUMABLY IS IN A POSITION TO HELP GET OUR MESSAGE ACROSS TO THE SYRIANS GIVEN ABU DHABI'S ALLOCATION TO SYRIA OF THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE THE AIRCRAFT. AMBASSADOR ROBERTS HAS ASKED THAT I STAND BY IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH TAJER DEPENDING OF COUSE ON WHETHER OR NOT HE AGREES TO SEE US.

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3. MEANWHILE I HAVE PROVIDED GENERAL SHIHABI WITH

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM LOCKHEED PROVIDING FURTHER
REFINEMENTS ON THE MATTER OF COMPARATIVE COST ANALYSIS
AND FORECAST.
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